

**South Dakota Brand Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 3, 2023**

The South Dakota Brand Board met on May 3, 2023, in Rapid City, SD. Members present in person were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Lyle Spring, David Paul and Haven Stuck. Brand Board staff and others present in person or via Zoom were Debbie Trapp, Bob Haivala, Amy Hatheway, Cassidy Schnabel, Scott Edoff, Veronica Edoff, Liz May, Baxter Anders, Tucker Amoitte, Matthew Kammerer.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Stuck to adopt agenda, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Open Comments: Theft Prevention account, locker plant inspectors, ownership inspections at livestock markets, trainings.

Director Trapp gave the Brand Inspection Report for March 2023: Livestock Markets – 64,470 head, Locker Plants 377 head, Locals – 38,414 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 19 head, for a total of 103,280 head. Year to date inspections for FY 23 continue to be the lowest in seven years.

Director Trapp gave the Director's report: Tim Quinn and Adam Masters have been hired as brand enforcement/livestock investigators; Matt Clair went to Kansas and did a violation inspection on 623 head of calves that had been shipped out of SD without an ownership inspection – no strays were found; I recently spoke at the Pierre Leadership Luncheon Meeting and at the Ag and Natural Resources Alliance Luncheon; Presented the annual report to the Government Operations and Audit Committee; two new part-time/local brand inspectors have been hired; received a call from a tribal member regarding his horses being seized by the Tribe; Thank you to Emily Hency for her years of service in the Newell area; held a region meeting in March with group of brand inspectors to discuss training options, March/April Brand - Applications received – 116; Approved - 91.

Motion by Spring to approve the February 15, 2023 Regular Brand Board Meeting Minutes, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of March 31, 2023. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,836,445.62, Brand Inspection Fund \$583,153.99; Theft and Prevention Fund \$371,067.92. Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams to approve Open Locker Plant application for AK Meats LLC, Naper NE, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Motion by Spring to approve Open Market Reciprocal Agreement with Nebraska Brand Committee, second by Vance. Motion carried.

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FY 24 State salary policy increase was discussed.

Mileage bonus for brand inspectors was discussed.

As ownership was not established and no owners came forward to prove ownership within one year or more from sale date, motion by Spring to escheat the following from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft Prevention Fund, BB#521 - \$636.60; BB#522 - \$430.71; BB#563 - \$937.58; BB#595 - \$149.50; BB#600 - \$703.18; BB#656 - \$1,111.74; BB#671 - \$17.37, second by Vance. Motion Carried.

Motion by Williams to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) legal at 2:58 p.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 4:15 p.m.

Next Regular meeting is set for June 7, 2023, in Rapid City at 1:30 p.m. MT.

As no other business came before the board, Pres. Vance declared the meeting adjourned.

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Scott Vance, President

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Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on \_\_\_\_\_.